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FCC CHAIRMAN'S SENIOR COUNSELOR COLIN CROWELL TO LEAVE FCC IN JUNE

Washington, D.C. -- Today, it was announced that Colin Crowell, Senior Counselor to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski, will leave the FCC in June.

"Colin has been indispensable to every key decision we've made and his rare combination of policy smarts, wise counsel, and communications expertise has been invaluable to me and the agency as we developed our broadband agenda for the nation," said Chairman Genachowski. "He will be missed but I am sure he will continue to contribute his insights into the intersection of innovation and public policy in the next stage of his career."

Prior to serving as Chairman Genachowski's Senior Counselor, Crowell was a longtime veteran of Capitol Hill. He served as the top telecommunications staffer on the House Telecommunications Subcommittee to Chairman Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), and was the lead staffer for Chairman Markey on numerous landmark laws -- including the requirement in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requiring the FCC to develop a National Broadband Plan, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and many others.

"It has been a true privilege to work with such a talented FCC team, committed to advancing Chairman Genachowski's pro-innovation agenda," Crowell said. "Chairman Genachowski has been a great friend and the decision to leave was not an easy one. Yet after twenty two years in public service, it's time for me to explore other professional opportunities."

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